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SUBJ: ASIAN COMPOSERS' CONFERENCE (MARCH 11 - 19, 1978)

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1. SOMTOW SUCHARITKUL, WELL-KNOWN THAI COMPOSER AND DRIVING FORCE BEHIND MARCH ASIAN COMPOSERS CONFERENCE, CALLED ON CAO TO DISCUSS U.S. PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE. TO DATE POST PLANS TO PROVIDE HALL OF BINATIONAL CENTER (AUA) PLUS FEE FOR CONCERT BY LOCAL CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ORCHESTRA WHICH WILL PRESENT U.S. COMPOSITIONS ESPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR CONFERENCE.

2. IN ADDITION TO OTHER PROGRAMS DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL, SOMTOW INFORMED POST ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION FUNDING TRAVEL FOR TWO COMPOSERS FROM NEW YORK, PHILIP GLASS AND CHINERY UNG. GLASS IS AVANT GARDE COMPOSER OF "EINSTEIN ON THE BEACH." UNG, POST UNDERSTANDS, IS CAMBODIAN.

3. SOMTOW HAS ASKED FOR POST'S ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING ADDITIONAL AMERICAN COMPOSERS TO CONFERENCE: LOU HARRISON
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(BELIEVE CURRENTLY AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OR BERKELEY), CHOU WEN-CHUNG (COLUMBIA), OR NINA DEUTSCH (PIANIST AND CAHRLS IVES SPECIALIST). BOTH HARRISON, WHO IS LEADING AMERICAN COMPOSER OF "ASIAN" MUSIC, AND CHOU ARE LISTED IN WHO'S WHO. CU/ARTS HAS NO EVALUATION ON DEUTSCH. POST EXPLAINED TO SOMTOW GRANTS SCARCE AND IMPOSSIBLE BRING THREE COMPOSERS/MUSICIANS TO BANGKOK BUT WOULD REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDERATION FOR ONE COMPO-

SER. POST ACCORDINGLY RECOMMENDS CU AWARD A REGIONAL AMSPEC GRANT TO EITHER HARRISON (FIRST CHOICE) OR TO CHOU TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AND TO TAKE PART IN OTHER COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMING ARRANGED BY POST. WOULD INCLUDE VISIT BY AMSPEC TO CHIANG MAI TO VISIT DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC AT PHAYAP COLLEGE (ONLY SCHOOL OF MUSIC IN THAILAND).

4. ASIAN COMPOSERS CONFERENCE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THAI INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TO PROVIDE SOME TRANSPORTATION FROM LONDON TO TOKYO AT DISCOUNT RATES. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS REDUCTION IN FARE FOR AMSPEC TRAVEL. POST ALSO REQUESTS DEPT CONSIDER FUNDING OF GRANT OR TRAVEL WITH INDIAN RUPEES. NEW DELHI MAY BE INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING HARRISON.
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